

of any written arguments, facts or evidence submitted after the conference. The Assistant Director, Alcohol and Tobacco, may extend this period of time once by an additional 90 days if he or she finds that unusual circumstances require additional time to consider the issues presented by an appeal. If the Assistant Director, Alcohol and Tobacco, extends the period, he or she must notify the holder by letter, briefly explaining the issues presented by the label. The decision of the Assistant Director, Alcohol and Tobacco, will be the final decision of the Bureau.

Subpart E—Revocation by Operation of Law or Regulation

§ 13.51 Revocation by operation of law or regulation.

ATF will not individually notify all holders of certificates of label approval, certificates of exemption from label approval, or distinctive liquor bottle approvals, that their approvals have been revoked if the revocation occurs by operation of law or regulation. If changes in labeling or other requirements are made as a result of amendments or revisions to the law or regulations, the certificate holder must voluntarily surrender all certificates that are no longer in compliance. The holder must submit applications for new certificates in compliance with the new requirements, unless ATF determines that new applications are not necessary. If a new application is unnecessary, it is the responsibility of the certificate holder to ensure that labels are in compliance with their requirements of the new regulations or law.

§ 13.52 Notice of revocation.

If ATF determines that a certificate holder is still using a certificate of label approval, certificate of exemption from label approval, or distinctive liquor bottle approval that is no longer in compliance due to amendments or revisions in the law or regulations, the Chief, Product Compliance Branch, will notify the certificate holder in writing that the subject certificate has been revoked by operation of law or regulations, with a brief description of the grounds for such revocation.

§ 13.53 Appeal of notice of revocation.

Within 45 days after the date of receipt of a notice of revocation by operation of law or regulations, the certificate holder may file a written appeal with the Chief, Alcohol and Tobacco Programs Division. The appeal should set forth the reasons why the certificate holder believes that the regulation or law at issue does not require the revocation of the certificate.

§ 13.54 Decision after appeal.

(a) *Issuance of decision.* After considering all written arguments and evidence submitted by the certificate holder, the Chief, Alcohol and Tobacco Programs Division, must issue a final decision regarding the revocation by operation of law or regulation of the certificate. If the decision is that the law or regulation at issue requires the revocation of the certificate of label approval, certificate of exemption from label approval, or distinctive liquor bottle approval, a letter must be issued explaining the basis for the revocation, and citing the specific laws or regulations which required the revocation of the certificate. If the decision is that the law or regulation at issue does not require the revocation of such certificate, a letter explaining the decision must be sent to the certificate holder. The decision of the Chief, Alcohol and Tobacco Programs Division, will be the final decision of ATF.

(b) *Time limits for decision.* Within 90 days of receipt of an appeal, the Chief, Alcohol and Tobacco Programs Division, must notify the holder whether the appeal has been granted or denied. If a certificate holder requests an informal conference as part of an appeal, as authorized in § 13.71, the 90-day period will begin 10 days after the date of the conference to allow for consideration of any written arguments, facts or evidence submitted after the conference. The Chief, Alcohol and Tobacco Programs Division, may extend this period of time once by an additional 90 days if he or she finds that unusual circumstances require additional time to consider the issues presented by an appeal. If the Chief, Alcohol and Tobacco Programs Division, extends the period, he or she must notify the holder by letter, briefly explaining the